

offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 429) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 429

*Resolved*, That the following Members be, and they are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Mr. PARKER.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

Committee on International Relations: Mr. BURR of North Carolina.

Committee on the Judiciary: Mrs. BONO.  
Committee on National Security: Mrs. BONO.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There will be 15 one-minute speeches on each side.

#### PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings held during the recess be printed in the RECORD and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the recess have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

#### TRUE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE SHOULD BEGIN AT HOME

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I would note for the record that less than one-half hour ago, among the former Members of this Congress stood the former Senator from Tennessee, Howard Baker, who was recognized for his distinguished service. I would ask all of us who serve in this chamber to remember the example of Howard Baker and put principle ahead of partisanship when we deal with awesome questions of constitutional authority.

Indeed, Mr. Speaker, I noted with great interest yesterday that the President held a ceremony dealing with international justice and the pursuit of international justice as our Nation's leading law enforcement officer.

Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that the President could allow his actions to speak louder than words if he and members of his party would seek the testimony of those over 90 individuals who have either taken the Fifth Amendment or fled the country, because, Mr. Speaker, if we want true

international justice, it should begin there.

#### TIME TO TAKE A STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS

(Mr. STRICKLAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill of the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), the Freedom from Religious Persecution bill, which this House will consider this week.

While in southern Ohio this past weekend, I had the unique opportunity of meeting and speaking with China's newly appointed ambassador to our country, Mr. Li Zhaoxing. I must admit that my concerns about religious persecution, both inside China's borders and around the world, have been significantly reinforced by my discussions with Ambassador Li.

I believe it is imperative that Congress convey unambiguously its resolve and to take action to defend the inalienable rights of self-expression and the pursuit of intellectual and religious freedom, which are fundamental human rights. They demand our attention and are in need of safeguarding.

If we choose not to act, China and many other nations around the world will continue with strong-arm tactics and repressive actions in an attempt to stifle free thinking. We owe it to the thousands of prisoners of conscience to take a stand on this issue.

If we do not, who will?

#### QUESTIONS IN NEED OF ANSWERS

(Ms. DUNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I have some questions for the other side, some questions that I believe need to be asked, given that so many witnesses, 92 at last count, have either fled the country or taken the Fifth Amendment in order to avoid testifying to Congressional committees.

Does the other side really believe that the President is above the law?

Does the other side really believe that the White House should not have to tell the truth about how it ended up with 900 FBI files of Republicans?

Does the other side really believe that it does not matter whether or not the President lied under oath or encouraged others to lie under oath about a personal matter?

Does the other side really believe that how women are treated in the workplace is not relevant, if the economy is doing great and the Dow is over 9,000 points?

Does the other side really, truly, actually believe that how women are treated in the workplace matters only when it comes to Republicans?

I wonder.

#### A QUESTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the White House slapped sanctions on India because India was conducting nuclear tests. Unbelievable. It is like Mike Tyson beating up Woody Allen for failing to fight.

India is not the problem, White House; China is the problem. And the White House policy with China is now not only stupid, Congress, it is dangerous.

China, with our tax dollars, is destabilizing and threatening the entire world, and we are putting sanctions on India for protecting themselves.

Beam me up. The truth of the matter is, this White House does not have the balsam to confront the real problem, which is China, so they kick India around.

I say it is time, Congress, to develop a sound strategy and show some anatomy. We should rescind MFN for China. It is not just about trade, Congress, it is about national security.

#### TAX FREEDOM DAY IN NEVADA

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, this morning, when Nevadans head off to work, they are going to have a little extra spring in their step and little lighter burden on their shoulders, because this fine morning, not only is the sun starting to peak through the clouds, but working men and women in Nevada are finally going to work for themselves, their families, their futures, and not the government.

That is right, Mr. Speaker, today, May 13th, is Tax Freedom Day in Nevada. During 1998, so far Nevadans have worked 91 days, almost 3 months, to pay their Federal taxes, and an additional 41 days to pay their State and local taxes.

The fact that these hard working men and women in this country have to spend nearly one-half of the year working to pay the government ought to concern, if not outrage, all of us in this room. Surely, not even the most liberal of my colleagues on the other aisle can defend this tax level.

I call on my colleagues to join me in instituting common sense tax relief in this country. Let us begin by eliminating the marriage tax and the death tax as well. Let us start moving the process back, not forward.

#### HEAR NO EVIL, SEE NO EVIL

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)